

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 251

Approved May 21, 2025

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the rich tapestry of ethnicities that shape the cultural, economic, and social framework of our community, among which Jewish Americans in Providence have played a vital role; and

WHEREAS, Providence is home to significant historical Jewish sites including Temple Emanu-El, established in 1927, Temple Beth-El, built in 1911, Congregation Beth Sholom, founded in 1905, Congregation Mishkon TfiLoh, established in 1962, and Congregation Sha'arei Tefilla, built in 2009, all of which symbolize the longstanding presence and endurance of the Jewish community in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish community has been instrumental in philanthropy and civic leadership in Providence, notably through contributions to organizations such as the United Way, the Rhode Island Foundation, and the American Civil Liberties Union, and through cultural contributions like the founding of Trinity Repertory Company at the Jewish Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Rhode Islanders like Daniel Robbins and Irving Fain have left indelible marks on our state's artistic and legislative landscape, through leadership in the arts at the Rhode Island School of Design and advocacy for fair housing laws respectively; and



WHEREAS, Amidst a troubling rise in antisemitism both nationally and globally, celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month not only honors this integral part of our city and national identity but also serves to foster a community of inclusivity and mutual respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence hereby proclaims May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Providence and we send our best wishes to all city officials, residents, and institutions who observe this month via programs, activities, and ceremonies that celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Jewish Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proclamation be distributed to the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Jewish Collaborative Services, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Beth-El, Congregation Beth Sholom, Congregation Mishkon TfiLoh, Congregation Sha'arei Tefilla, Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center, Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, Providence Hebrew Day School, Brown/RISD Hillel and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, wishing local Jewish organizations well as they celebrate the recognition of this significant month.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15 2025

READ AND PASSED, AS Amended


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 5/21/25